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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF  
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE RESUMPTION OF FOUR-PARTY  
TALKS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA**

The EU welcomes the resumption of the Four-Party Talks on 21 October in Geneva. On this occasion the EU calls on all participating countries to enter into the new round of these talks with a constructive approach. The EU will watch closely steps taken by the DPRK in this regard. The EU expresses its firm hope that the Four Party Talks will bring substantial progress in easing the existing tension on the Korean Peninsula.

The EU likewise urges the DPRK to resume its dialogue with the ROK which constitutes an indispensable basis for peace and development on the Korean Peninsula.

The Central and Eastern European countries and Cyprus associated with the European Union and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.